

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Australian Foundation donates books to Talomo District**

The Australian Foundation for Fostering Learning in the Philippines (AFFLIP) donated 3 pallets consisting 53 boxes of used but of high quality reading materials to the 15 schools of Talomo District, June 1, 2012.

Boxes of donated reading materials include Dictionaries, Atlases, Encyclopedia, Big Books, Teachings Aids, and Story Books for elementary pupils. There were also khaki shirts in some boxes as samples of the 3000 pieces to be included in the next shipment. The donated materials were warmly accepted by the school heads, teachers, pupils and PTA officials of the 15 schools.

A Deed of Donation signed by Peter Jeffrey Kirk , coordinator of South Pacific School Aid Inc., was sent to Talomo District through Jose N. de Lara, Jr., district supervisor and was accepted by Antonio Apat, Sr. President of the Principals Association. The Bureau of Customs through its Regional Collector helped in the processing of the requirements with the exemption of payments from brokers and other charges.

“Donate a Book” is just one of the programs of AFFLIP for Talomo District as its lone beneficiary. The foundation aims to support the Reading Program of the District, assist School Heads improve their instructional and transformational leadership skills , improve the nutritional status of the pupils, help teachers improve their mastery in teaching Science and Mathematics concepts and setting up of school networks or twinning of schools in Talomo and schools in South Australia.

AFFLIP was set up in South Australia late in 2011 with its Patron Greg Crafter, previously a member of the parliament and Minister of Education in SA. Other Members of the Board are Alan Reid, Emeritus Professor University of SA, Graham Dodd, a leading educator in Physical Education and Health in SA, Trevor Tiller, previously a Regional Director of Education in SA, Lyn Wilkinson, senior lecturer at Flinders University of SA, Jock McFarlane, previously a leading agricultural consultant in the Department of Agriculture in SA, John Younger, previously ran his own chartered accountancy practice and Alastair Douglas, former Deputy Australian Project Director of Basic Education Assistance to Mindanao (BEAM) .

In the Philippines, through the leadership of Alastair Douglas as DepEd national consultant, AFFLIP got its endorsements last September 2011 from DepEd Undersecretary Yolanda Quijano, Regional Director Susana Teresa Estigoy, and Schools Division Superintendent Dr. Helen Paguican, Davao City Mayor Atty. Sara Duterte and First District Congressman Atty. Karlo Nograles.